AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-3 and amend Claims 4-12 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) An insert molding technique ~~as defined by claim 1, further~~ for shaping an insert-mold product covered with resinous material on an outer circumference of an insert component, comprising

opening a mold

~~a locating step for~~ locating the insert component at a predetermined position ~~between a pair of halves of a~~ in the mold when the mold is in [[an]] the open state [[by]] using a support for holding the insert component outside of the mold, ~~wherein~~

~~in the arrangement step,~~ extruding the resinous material ~~is extruded~~ in a molten state as a tube through a die ~~between the pair of halves of~~ into the mold, [[and]] the insert component [[is]] being located in the interior space of the tube, and

~~in the shaping step,~~ closing the mold ~~is clamped~~ to clamp and to cover the insert component with the tubular resinous material in conformity with the contour of the insert component.

5. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 4, wherein after the ~~arrangement~~ extruding step, the ~~shaping~~ closing step follows, in which an extrusion-side opening of the tubular resinous material is brought into contact with

part of the insert component or the support and closed, and by sucking air [[in]] from the interior space of the resinous material, the insert component is covered with the tubular resinous material and shaped in conformity with the contour of the former.

6. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim [[4]] 5, wherein ~~the shaping step by~~ the air suction is carried out prior to or simultaneously with the ~~clamping~~ closing of the mold.

7. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 4, wherein the ~~shaping~~ closing step follows [[to]] the ~~arrangement~~ extruding step, wherein the tubular resinous material is heated to cover the insert component in conformity with the contour of the latter prior to or simultaneously with the ~~clamping~~ closing of the mold.

8. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 4, wherein [[the]] welding means is provided at a predetermined position of the mold.

9. (currently amended) An insert molding technique ~~as defined by claim 1, further~~ for shaping an insert-mold product covered with resinous material on a outer circumference of an insert component, comprising

opening a first mold

~~a extrusion step for~~ extruding a parison, which is a molten resinous material, ~~between a pair of halves of a~~ into the first mold through a die, [[and]]

~~a primary molding step for~~ closing the first mold; forming the resinous material having [[the]] an interior space with one ~~opening at one~~ open end ~~thereof by clamping the mold to bring~~ and one closed end by bringing the parison into contact with a forming surface of the [[die]] first mold while blowing air into the parison, ~~wherein~~

~~in the arrangement step,~~ removing the resinous material ~~produced through the primary molding step is removed~~ from the first mold; [[and]]

inserting the insert component ~~is inserted~~ into the interior space from the ~~opening~~ open end while being fastened to a fastening section, and

~~in the shaping step,~~ heating and shrinking the resinous material ~~is heated and shrunk~~ after the ~~arrangement~~ inserting step to cover the insert component in conformity with the contour thereof.

10. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein the formed resinous material ~~obtained by the primary molding step~~ is disposed in a second mold separate from the ~~former~~ first mold, and the formed resinous material is clamped by the second mold while being heated and partially fixed with a fastening section of the second mold to cover the insert component in conformity with the contour thereof.

11. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein the resinous material covers the insert component in conformity with the contour thereof ~~by the heating~~ while sucking air from the ~~opening~~ open end of the resinous material ~~obtained by the primary molding~~.

12. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein [[the]] welding means is provided in the fastening section.

13. (original) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein a preliminary prepared heat-shrinkable tube is used in place of the resinous material obtained by the primary molding.